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# 2014 Consumer Confidence Report SMITH'S CROSSING RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION, INC

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

#### Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemoth crapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

#### Where does my water come from?

CURRENTLY OUR WATER COMES FROM FIVE WELLS. TWO DRAWS GROUNDWATER FROM THE CATAHOULA AQUIFER AND TWO DRAW FROM CITRONELLE AQUIFER THE OTHER DRAWS FROM THE MOCN AQUIFER.

#### Source water assessment and its availability

ONE SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS UPON REQUEST. COPIESOF THE REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:30-4:30; IN ADDITION, IT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE MAGEE COURIER.

#### Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity:

microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

## Required Fluoridation Information:

To comply with the "Regulation Governing Fluoridation of Community Water Supplies," SMITH'S CROSSING RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION, INC is required to report certain results pertaining to fluoridation of our water system. The number of months in the previous calendar year in which average fluoride samples results were within the optimal range of 0.7-1.3 ppm ppm was 0. The percentage of fluoride samples collected in the previous calendar year that was within the optimal range of 0.7-1.3 ppm was 28%.

## Water Conservation Tips

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference – try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers a 5 minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely.
   Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!
- · Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.

## Cross Connection Control Survey

The purpose of this survey is to determine whether a cross-connection may exist at your home or business. A cross connection is an unprotected or improper connection to a public water distribution system that may cause contamination or pollution to enter the system. We are responsible for enforcing cross-connection control regulations and insuring that no contaminants can, under any flow conditions, enter the distribution system. If you have any of the devices listed below please contact us so that we can discuss the issue, and if needed, survey your connection and assist you in isolating it if that is necessary.

- H Boiler/ Radiant heater (water heaters not included)
- U Underground lawn sprinkler system
- Pool or hot tub (whirlpool tubs not included)
- Additional source(s) of water on the property
- Decorative pond
- Watering trough

Source Water Protection Tips

Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:

- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
- Pick up after your pets.
- If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.
- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community, or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.
- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a
  message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste Drains to River" or "Protect
  Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains
  dump directly into your local water body.

## Additional Information for Lead

If present, clevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Smith's Crossing Rural Water Association is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

## Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better

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Copper - action level at consumer	1.3	1.3	0	2013	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems;			
Lead - action level at consumer	vel at		0	2013	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems;			
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The following	contamina	ints wer	monitored i	or, but not	detected, in you	ır water.				
		ICL	MCL							
		or	or	Your						
Contaminants		RDI,	MRDL	Water	Violation	Ty	pical Source			
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)		10	10	ND	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion natural deposits				
Nitrite [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)		1		ND	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits				
Fluoride (ppm)		4	4	ND	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factorics				
Chlorine (as Cl	2)	4	4	ND	No Water additive used to c		used to control			
Unit Description	ons				······					
			Definition							
ppm				ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)						
ppb				ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)						
NA				NA: not applicable						
ND				ND: Not detected						
			NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.							
Important Dr	inking V	Vater I	Definitions				Γ			
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TT			to t	to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.						

AL			AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.					
Variances and Exemptions			Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.					
MRDLG			MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.					
MRDI.			MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.					
MNR		MNR: Monitored Not Regulated						
MPL		MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level						
TT Violation	Explanation	•	Length	Stops Taken to Correct the Violution	Health Effects Language			
Surface water treatment rule filtration and disinfection violations	coliform was found to be present in water		07/01/2014 -07/31/2014	trigger monitoring/ a total of 17 samples was monitored a total of 16 was required, equipment use for collection samples are also free from residue before collecting samples.	Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.			
For more information of the contact Name: Standards; P O Box 956 Magee, MS 391 Phone: (601) 849 Fax: (601) 849-4 E-Mail: sewa@l	11 9-4631 1821	ntact	<u>:</u> :					

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